

February 5, 2018

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 186-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2471 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2471 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2471 would enact the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact and authorize criminal history record checks for physical therapist licensees. Member states of the compact would develop a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards and provides a streamlined process that allows physical therapists to become licensed in multiple states thereby enhancing the portability of a physical therapy license and ensuring the safety of patients. The compact would adopt the prevailing standard for licensure and affirms that the practice of physical therapy occurs where the patient is located and that the physical therapist should be under the jurisdiction of the state medical board where the patient is located.

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts states that the compact is designed to be self-funded through moderate user fees charged to physical therapists who use it. Any assessments for Kansas' participation in the compact would be funded through license fees collected in the Healing Arts Fee Fund. The Board estimates additional expenditures of \$3,000 in FY 2019 for travel costs for one commissioner to travel to compact meetings. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2471 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Beth Visocky, Board of Healing Arts